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1. COMMITTEE 4 (FINANCE) MET THREE TIMES DURING WEEK
OCTOBER 1 - 5 AND DEVOTED MOST OF EFFORTS TO DISCUSSION
OF ARREARAGES QUESTION.

2. AT OCTOBER 5 MEETING FOLLOWING CONSENSUS AGREEMENT
REACHED, APPLICABLE ONLY TO NINE DEBTOR COUNTRIES,
WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO PLENARY:

A) WAIVE ALL INTEREST ON ARREARAGES ACCURED
PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1973;

B) PAYMENT IN FULL WILL BE REQUIRED ON PRINCIPAL
OF PRE-JANUARY 1, 1973 ARREARAGES;

C) SYG TO NEGOTIATE REPAYMENT SCHEDULE WITH
EACH DEBTOR STATE BASED ON STATE'S ECONOMY, FINANCIAL
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SITUATION, ETC.; REPAYMENT SCHEDULE CAN EXTEND OVER

UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF YEARS; AND SYG MUST PERIODICALLY
REPORT SG ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL;

D) CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEBTOR MEMBER STATES FOR
1973 AND 1974 WILL BE CALCULATED ON BASIS OF NEW LOWER
CONTRIBUTORY UNIT ANNOUNCED AT TORREMOLINOS RATHER
THAN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CONTRIBUTION.

3. WHILE THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSAL, US, UK AND CUBA BELIEVED PARA D) MIGHT BE
IN CONFLICT WITH PARA 218 OF MONTREUX AND RESERVED
RIGHT TO BRING MATTER UP AT PLENARY. COMMITTEE THEN
AGREED TO HANDLE PUBLICATIONS ARREARAGES IN SAME FASHION
(I.E., FORGIVE PAST INTEREST BUT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF
PRINCIPAL).

4. AFTER ARREARAGES CONSENSUS ARRIVED AT
DISCUSSION TURNED TO FUTURE SANCTIONS ON DEBTOR MEMBERS
(ITU HAS NONE AT PRESENT OTHER THAN INTEREST). IN
INITIAL DEBATE IT APPEARS THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
AND AFRICANS SUPPORT IMPOSITION OF UN-TYPE SANCTIONS
(LOSS OF VOTE AFTER TWO YEARS NON-PAYMENT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS) WITH LATIN AMERICANS STRONGLY OPPOSED.
SOV BLOC AND ASIANS HAVE YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

5. ON OCTOBER 2, DURING BREAK IN ARREARAGES DEBATE,
CHAIRMAN TURNED BRIEFLY TO SUBJECT OF UNION'S FINANCING,
NOTING ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT
VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF CONTRIBUTORY CLASS BE
MAINTAINED. SYG MILI STRONGLY SUPPORTED
RETENTION OF PRESENT SYSTEM. HOWEVER, YEMEN PROPOSED
ITU ADOPT UN SCALE AND REQUESTED DOCUMENT BE CIRCULATED
SETTING FORTH CONTRIBUTORY PERCENTAGES IN UN AND ALL
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WHICH WAS DONE. MEXICO ALSO
CIRCULATED "INFORMATION PAPER" IN EFFECT PROPOSING
A NEW CONTRIBUTION FORMULA BASED ON UN SCALE AND
INSTALLED TELEPHONE CAPACITY. THIS ITEM WAS NOT
PURSUED AFTER DEBATE ON ARREARAGES RESUMED AND IT
IS EVIDENTLY CHAIRMAN'S INTENTION NOT TO DISCUSS FURTHER
UNTIL SANCTIONS QUESTION SETTLED.
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6. COMMITTEE 5 (PERSONNEL) CONSIDERED SUBJECT OF
SALARIES OF ITU ELECTED OFFICIALS AT ITS FINAL MEETING
OCTOBER 4. CANADA LED OFF DEBATE PROPOSING AN INCREASE
FROM \$28,700 TO \$31,000 IN SYG'S SALARY AND SIMILAR
PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN SALARIES OF OTHER ELECTED

OFFICIALS (DEPUTY SYG, CHAIRMEN OF 2 CCIS AND FIVE MEMBERS OF IFRB), STATING THAT THESE SALARIES WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR OFFICIALS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY WITH ITU'S STATURE AND IMPORTANCE. FURTHERMORE HE PROPOSED INCREASE IN REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FROM 10,000 TO 15,000 SWISS FRANCS FOR SYG AND FROM 5,000 TO 7,500 SF FOR DSYG, CCI DIRECTORS AND SIMILAR INCREASE FOR IFRB AS WHOLE, NOTING THAT THESE ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN UNCHANGED SINCE 1965 WHILE LIVING COSTS IN GENEVA HAVE JUMPED 44 PERCENT IN SAME PERIOD. PROPOSAL SECONDED BY SAUDI ARABIAN REP.

7. USREP STRONGLY OPPOSED SALAJY INCREASES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS POINTING OUT THAT CURRENT SALARIES WERE IN LINE WITH THOSE IN OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF SIMILAR SIZE AND BUDGET AND REPEATED U.S. BELIEF THAT ITU SHOULD NEITHER LAG BEHIND NOR LEAD WAY IN SPECIALIZED AGENCY SALARIES. HE ADDED THAT OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED THREE SALARY HIKES SINCE 1965 AND THAT COST OF LIVING INCREASES ARE BEING RECOUPED THROUGH INCREASING POST ADJUSTMENTS. USDEL RECOGNIZED HOWEVER THAT REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN UNCHANGED SINCE 1965 WHILE PRICES HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY THUS NOTED THAT U.S. COULD SUPPORT INCREASE IN THESE ALLOWANCES IF SALARIES HELD TO CURRENT LEVEL. U.S. POSITION STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SOVIET REP.

8. WHEN IT APPEARED THAT IMPASSE WAS DEVELOPING (VOTE WOULD HAVE BEEN USELESS DUE TO SPARSE ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING) UK REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING COMPROMISE: 1) NO IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN SALARIES BE GRANTED; 2) IN FUTURE PAY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS WOULD BE PEGGED TO SALARY OF D-2 AT EXISTING RATION OF 124 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERCENT FOR SYG, 111 PERCENT FOR DSYG AND CCI DIRECTORS AND 106 PERCENT FOR MEMBERS IFRB; 3) THAT RAISES AUTOMATICALLY BE GRANTED WHEN COMMON SYSTEM INCREASES GO INTO EFFECT; AND 4) THAT REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES BE INCREASED PER CANADIAN PROPOSAL. UK STATED THAT ITU WOULD NOT SET PRECEDENT WITH "PEGGING" SINCE THIS SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT IN ICAO.

9. SOVIET REP SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL. USREP NOTED U.S. OPPOSITION TO AUTOMATICITY IN INCREASING SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS BUT SAID HE COULD SUPPORT UK PROPOSAL IF LANGUAGE COULD BE ADDED GIVING COUNCIL FINAL WORD ON APPROVING INCREASES AND AUTHORITY TO ALTER RATIO IF IT DEEMED NECESSARY. UK REP AGREED AND PROPOSAL ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

10. COMMITTEE 5 THUS COMPLETED WORK WITH ALL U.S.
OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED, AT LEAST IN COMMITTEE.

11. COMMITTEE 6 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) - BY A WIDE
MARGIN THE COMMITTEE REJECTED ARGENTINE AND KUWAITI
PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW CCI FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE. SINCE THEN WORKING PARTIES HAVE BEEN
ASSIGNED TASKS OF DRAFTING RESOLUTIONS ON RECRUITMENT
OF EXPERTS, TRAINING METHODS, AND REGIONAL
OFFICES. LATTER QUESTION SUBJECT OF LONG DEBATE
WHICH WILL CONTINUE ON OCTOBER 9. ALTHOUGH
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAKING STRONG PUSH FOR ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL OFFICES
IN PRINCIPLE, USDEL HOPEFUL THAT FINAL

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